PLANT FACT SHEET

Diuris aurea Smith

GENUS *Diuris* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden donkey orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

DESCRIPTION

A ground orchid. It grows 15-50 cm high. The leaves are 10-25 cm long by 0.3-0.6 cm wide. There are 1-2 leaves per plant. They are narrow and have a channel along them. The flower stem is 15-50 cm tall and has 2-5 flowers. The flowers are 2.5-4.5 cm wide and a deep golden yellow. Tubers can be quite large.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical to warm temperate locations. It occurs in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia. It grows in open forest. It needs a rich, well-drained soil and a protected, shaded position. It is damaged by frost or drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They can also be grown by division.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are slow to increase vegetatively.

NOTES

There are about 50 Diurus species. Others possibly used include Diurus chryseopsis and Diurus sulphurea. See Gilfedder, L et al, 2003, The Nature of the Midlands. Midlands Bushweb. PO Box 156 Longford, Tasmania. p 88

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